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## 2007 Kenneth A. Saucier Memorial Scholarship

On June 27, 2007, the Seattle Police Guild awarded the first two inaugural Kenneth A. Saucier Memorial Scholarships to Carson Daman (son of Sergeant Steve Daman) and Jennifer Groves (daughter of Officer Richard Groves) in the amount of \$1000 each. These two students exemplified academic excellence and outstanding community service. At the ceremony, Sue Saucier described Ken's philosophy as always doing the best one can do and that one of his principle lessons he taught his own children's performance in school was to...*Do good, don't just be good.*

In 2004, Detective Everett Edwards started a partnership with the Seattle Supersonics. He incepted the first Police-Fire nights with the Sonics. Through the support of the Bacon Bowl, a raffle was held to raise scholarship funds in honor of outstanding Officer and Guild President Ken Saucier. Since then, Detective Edwards has single-handedly organized events and raffles to ensure the perpetuity of the Saucier Memorial Scholarship. To date, over \$7,000 has been raised. With the Supersonics status in limbo, we hope to continue the legacy of the Ken Saucier Memorial Scholarship by awarding students that exhibit his like qualities of vision, leadership and passion for serving their community and just plain, *"Doing Good."*

Part of the scholarship application included answering an essay question. Below are excerpts from our two winner's responses to the following question:

*Given the complexity of the world around us that involves issues such as crime, social justice, the*



Scholarship recipients Jennifer Groves and Carson Daman receive their awards from President Rich O'Neill and the Saucier Family. (Sue, Gina, Becky).

*role of the media, and racism, how do you plan to make the world a better place to live in?*

*"With education comes knowledge. With knowledge comes understanding. Those who understand the many cultures around us are best set to better their own world and the worlds of others. People who are knowledgeable about the world around them are less likely to be influenced by the media or controlled by society. The media has a very important role in our society. It is up to us to be able to sift through the piles of information and find the truth."*  
—Carson Daman, son of Sergeant Steve Daman

*"Not everyone can make the entire world a better place to live in, but each person can take one step or be a part of some effort to make a difference and help to overcome some of the*

*complex issues we face today. I believe that by becoming a doctor and learning the Spanish language, I will be taking steps to help this group of people [the Hispanic population] as well with their quality of life and, at the same time through my actions, make the world a better place to live in."*

—Jennifer Groves, daughter of Officer Richard Groves

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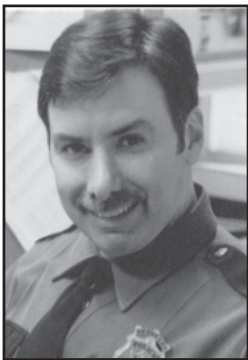
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# President's Message

By Sergeant Rich O'Neill, SPOG President



The past few weeks our local news media have continued their fanatical obsession with the unfounded allegations from an eight-time convicted, drug-dealing felon. The OPA Civilian Review Board, chaired by Peter Holmes, continued to stoke the fire with their heavily slanted, agenda driven, review of the investigation. In their biased and leaked report, they slammed the Chief of Police for being too involved with the investigation. This review board was created during contract negotiations over 6 years ago and they have constantly attempted to sidestep that same SPOG contract and expand their authority. I believe the OPA Review Board Members, by their actions, have fatally flawed their credibility and their ability to perform their assigned duties.

Last summer, OPA Review Board member Sheley Secrest spouted off in the news media when she claimed “racism” after officers confronted some juveniles in a White Center gas station. The incident was captured on the store video. Although the OPA had not even begun the investigation, Ms. Secrest was convinced that the allegations were true and she demanded that the officers be fired. The problem was that OPA had not even done a single interview yet. Does Ms. Secrest believe in due process or are the police always guilty until proven innocent? The investigation moved along with interviews and evidence gathering. In the end, the investigation showed that the officers did nothing wrong. Turns out one of the underage individuals who initially claimed she may have had “a little to drink” was pretty hammered that night, just like it said in the officer’s report. This was the same police report that Ms. Secrest called “inaccurate.” SPOG filed a grievance with the Seattle City Council and asked Councilmember Licata to remove Ms. Secrest from the OPA-Review Board. Councilmember Licata never even responded to our request and the grievance is awaiting an arbitrator’s hearing. What would Councilmember Licata do if an officer publicly called for a suspect to be sent to prison before we even had the trial or before we even investigated the crime?

Then along comes the latest incident involving two officers and the arrest they made of a chronic drug dealer. In this case we have a full-blown investigation based on another store video and the allegations of a felon. Evidence is gathered and statements are taken. The Chief, who is the final arbitrator of discipline cases, ensures that all witnesses are interviewed. The Chief and Deputy Chiefs even visit the crime scene to get a visual perspective. The Chief and command staff review the entire file and exonerate the officers of the serious charges. The Chief does discipline the officers for a minor procedural miscue. Now Mr. Holmes and the OPA-RB decide to review this investigation and prepare a report. The first problem is that their job description does not allow them to investigate anything or issue individual reports. SPOG has filed an Unfair Labor Practice which will eventually go to a state hearing. This time, Ms. Secrest excuses herself for a “conflict of interest” leaving just a two-person board to offer their subjective opinions. But wait, one of the board members, Brad Moericke, had his term of office expire on April 30, and the city council never had reconfirmation hearings, so he is technically not authorized to be doing any OPA Review Board work. So the three-person board is down to...ONE! The report needs to be checked by lawyers to determine if it can be released without exposing the review board to legal action. But wait, while this is being decided someone with access to the report “leaks it” to the newspapers. Now where is the professional accountability? Where is the city-wide investigation into who leaked this attorney-client privileged document? Do we only conduct investigations of misconduct when it involves police officers? Maybe we can find an eight time convicted felon to file a complaint about the leak and see if the city will pursue it. The leaked report is highly critical of the investigation and the Chief of Police. Mr. Holmes thinks the Chief was “too involved” in the investigation. The report also says that the Chief should have to explain in writing anytime he “reverses a final OPA determination.”

Mr. Holmes is an intelligent man but he obviously has difficulty with a few points, so I’m going to go slow.

#1 Mr. Holmes, YOU are NOT the Chief of Police. You sit on a board that reviews a process and gives policy suggestions.

#2 The Chief of Police does not have to answer to you or your board!

#3 The Chief of Police is the FINAL arbitrator of discipline cases. The OPA does not make a FINAL determination. That again is the Chief’s job. The OPA , along with the Chain of Command make recommendations. The Chief can agree with those recommendations or not agree. And he certainly does not have to justify his decisions to your board!

The National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (www.nacole.org) says on its web site that the way Seattle handles civilian oversight of its police department is considered to be among the highly developed approaches taken by cities and counties in the United States. NACOLE offers this opinion because of the multiple layers of scrutiny that the SPD system incorporates. The job duties of the OPA director, the civilian auditor, the OPA Review Board, and even the Chief of Police are all spelled out in city ordinances. This system we have will only work if everyone respects their roles and vows to work within them.

The members of the OPA Review Board obviously do not like their limited role. Ms. Secrest was even quoted as saying , “We are a toothless dog with no bark.” If that is the way they feel, then I have some suggestions.

#1 Resign and become a Chief of Police and then you can have the authority that you crave.

#2 Resign and run for elected office where you can have influence on selecting a Chief of Police. (Mr. Holmes already tried that one.)

#3 The next time the OPA Director’s job opens up, submit an application. (Mr. Holmes tried that one too).

#4 Lastly, have your ideas for a “Tooth Filled Barking OPA Review Board” brought to the bargaining table. Everything is negotiable and it just depends on how much “kibbles and bits” that you will offer us. But here is another tip. You better go to COSTCO and get the really big bags!

Before I leave this subject, I’d like to also mention that, on the heels of these news stories, Councilmember Licata tried to resurrect his idea that we should change the City Charter so that the Chief of Police is “re-confirmed” by the city council every four years. Can you imagine being the Chief and suddenly being told that you have 9 more bosses? Before you make discipline or policy decisions, you better make sure that you have at least 5 supporters on the council or your “re-confirmation” hearing may not go very well. This would be a disaster for this city and this department. The office of the Chief of Police should be shielded from as much political influence as possible. I enjoyed retired Sgt. Howard Monta’s letter to the *P-I* where he stated, “If he (Licata) gets his wish we may as well save the taxpayer money and do away with the police chief position....the city council can then take over the leadership.” If there are any officers out there who still do not understand why SPOG has formed a political action campaign fund, please re-read this last paragraph. We must get involved and do everything possible to support city council candidates who support the police and public safety issues. Those who do not support us should face the consequences!

At the June membership meeting I was proud to present the first annual Ken Saucier Memorial Scholarship Award to Jennifer Groves, the daughter of Officer Richard Groves and to Carson Daman the son of Sgt. Steve Damon. These two high school seniors are outstanding young adults and a real tribute to their families. The scholarship would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Detective Everett Edwards who spent countless hours on this project in an effort to honor the memory of our late, great Guild President. KUDOS, Everett! It is our hope to continue to offer this scholarship for years to come. Anyone wanting to contribute to the Ken Saucier Memorial Scholarship Fund should contact the Guild office for details.

Have a great July and watch out for each other!



# SPOG Honors Iraq War Veteran

By Guardian Staff

On Friday May 18, 2007, SPD Officer Miguel Torres was on patrol in the area of Jack Block Park in west Seattle (2100 Harbor Ave SW). Unbeknownst to the officer, the officer's wallet fell out of his uniform pants. The officer continued his shift (not knowing his wallet was missing) and was handling 911 calls when he received a call from his home alerting him that a citizen had found his wallet and wanted to return it to him. The officer met with the citizen in West Seattle. The citizen, Greg M. Burrell of Shoreline, WA, told the officer that he recovered the officer's wallet in the park. The officer was



overjoyed to discover that his wallet was intact with his police identification, credit cards and approximately \$1,000 in cash. Officer Torres repeatedly thanked Mr. Burrell, who is a recent Iraq war veteran.

The Seattle Police Officers' Guild commends Mr. Burrell for this awesome act of honesty and integrity. Mr. Burrell was formally acknowledged at a press conference at the SPOG office May 31st.

## Stafford Frey Cooper Runs in Memory of Fallen Officers

Stafford Frey Cooper attorneys, paralegals and family members ran a 5K in memory of fallen SPD Officers Joselito Barber, Beth Nowak, and King County Deputy Steve Cox at the *Run With Cops Not From Them* event on Saturday, June 23 at Marymoor Park in Redmond. Team SFC consisted of Team Captain Tom Larkin, Ted Buck, Peter Altman, Angela Reynvaan, Chris Garratt, Matt Reynvaan, Kate Mulligan, Abe Wehmiller, Theresa Olson, Dori Mashburn and Bryant Sutton.

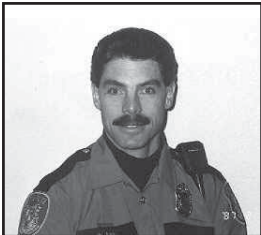
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# A Wrong Made Right

By Roger Dixon, SPOG Vice President

Since 2001, the Seattle City Council has supported a number of city employees who are members of the United States military reserve components, and were mobilized for active military service in Iraq, Afghanistan or to other locations throughout the world, by passing City Ordinances that continue health care coverage for their families. A wage supplement was also provided in these bills.

Unfortunately several city employees, including three Seattle Police Officers, were unable to enjoy these benefits due to an oversight that left their active service start dates off of the list.

Officer Tim Owens contacted Barbara Clemons of the office of City Councilperson Jan Drago when he returned from active military service only to find that he was not eligible due to the error. Councilmember Drago agreed to sponsor a military wage supplement bill to correct this oversight, and on June 18<sup>th</sup> the bill was passed by unanimous vote of the Seattle City Council.

Kudos to Councilmember Drago for swift action in correcting an injustice done to our returning military personnel, and thanks especially to Barbara Clemons for her support in this matter.

## Get Yours Now!!

### Motorcycle Drill Team Talent Show DVD

Did you miss the 2007 Motorcycle Drill Team Talent Show on March 16, 2007? Did you attend and you want to send a copy of a performance to the producers of American Idol? Retired Officer Jerry "The Hickman" Hicklin has a limited supply of Talent Show DVDs available for \$20.

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# Cycling Across America

By Officer Jeff Geoghagan, SWAT



Life is anything but mundane and boring. Yet it is easy to get into a routine where opportunities pass you by and you just let them go. What can be worse than looking back and regretting untried adventures? On the other hand, what can be greater than taking on the difficult journey, thwarting the obstacles that present themselves, and savoring the experience? Oh, and while you're at it why not ride your bicycle across the United States?

That's what John Novak #6135 is doing this summer. On May 21, 2007 he dipped his tires in the Pacific Ocean, put that ocean to his back and headed for the next closest one. His plan is to pedal his 94 lb. bicycle (including gear) all the way across the United States in approximately 40 days. He plans on averaging 100 miles a day. That's a pretty aggressive schedule considering that

John was averaging 3-5 MPH climbing over the passes in the Cascade Mountain Range! Fortunately after some equally steep descents he's back on track.

If you would like to check his progress John has created a website that he is updating every day or two: <http://johnstransamericanbikeride.blogspot.com> ( all one word) You can post your words of encouragement on the blog or you can send him a personal email to [j.a.novak@comcast.net](mailto:j.a.novak@comcast.net).

Maybe now isn't your time to undertake that journey but it is John's. So take a few minutes out of your day to cheer John on. There are definitely going to be some days when he'll need strong thoughts from his friends. Who knows? Maybe while you're inspiring him, he'll inspire you right back.



## Happy Anniversary

The Guardian Staff is pleased to announce the milestones achieved by the following SPOG members during the month of July!



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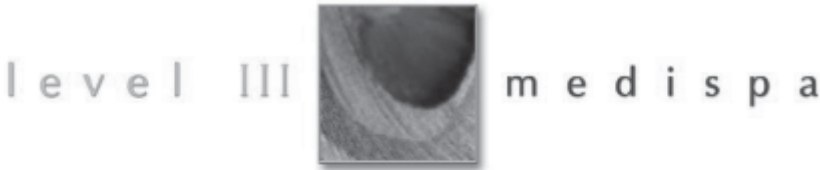
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# The Police Recruiting Wars

By Officer Mike Severance, Board Position #5

In April I was a guest speaker in Reno at the annual leadership conference of the National Coalition of Public Safety Officers. There were about 100 officers from all over the United States in attendance. I had the opportunity to speak with many of them. It was a very informative time. I came away with a keen curiosity about the police recruiting wars which I believe are only in the early stages. I decided to try to imagine that I was a 25 year old (I know that's a big stretch) living in the western United States and considering a law enforcement career. What would I do? I'd jump on the internet of course. I'm a typical member of Generation Y looking for instant gratification. I want a good salary right away with good benefits and I want to work in a community whose leaders consider public safety to be a very high priority. No sense doing something unless you are allowed to do it well. I want a good retirement program. I'm willing to move if it is worth my while. Let's see what I can find.

After some key strokes and clicks of the mouse, I'm looking at California agencies. Brentwood has a starting salary of \$65,520 plus a signing bonus of \$10,000 and a \$28,000 down payment on a new house. Salinas has a starting salary of \$63,960, but their officers just got a 25% raise over the next 2 ½ years (5% more if you have 20 or more years of service) because their elected officials want to attract qualified candidates and keep the officers they have. San Jose has a starting salary of \$70,320 and a top salary of \$107,835; San Francisco has a starting salary of \$64,818 (does not include the 23% raise they just got over the next 4 years); Sacramento has a starting salary of \$53,124; Oakland has a starting salary of \$69,162; Long Beach has a starting salary of \$53,870; Costa Mesa has a starting salary of \$64,584; Riverside has a starting salary of \$56,460 and a \$5,000 signing bonus and Palm Springs has a starting salary of \$54,396. At all these California departments, I can retire at age 50 with 3% for every year of service. So if I spend 25 years on the force, I can retire with a 75% pension. If I spend 30 years, I can retire with a 90% pension. Their medical benefits vary a little, but, by today's standards, they are all good.

What about Nevada? Las Vegas Metro Police starting salary is \$47,877, and Reno has a starting salary of \$46,342. They have good medical benefits and I can retire at age 50 with 2.67% for each year of service up to a maximum of 90%.

How about Arizona? Tucson starting salary is \$42,474, and Scottsdale has a starting salary of \$46,342. They have good medical benefits and I can retire at 50% pension after 20 years and 80% pension at 32 years.

What about Washington State? Bellevue starting salary is \$59,772; Everett is \$50,772; Renton is \$49,884; Bothell is \$56,904; Redmond is \$56,784; Tukwila is \$54,840; Lynnwood is \$55,656; Olympia is \$55,500; Bellingham is \$49,548; Edmonds is \$49,488; Port of Seattle is \$50,627; Mukilteo is \$50,700; Lakewood is \$50,196; Kirkland is \$51,228; Kent is \$50,688; Issaquah is \$51,192; Richland is 52,104; Pasco is \$51,500; Whatcom County is \$50,244 and Lake Forest Park is \$51,084. Sadly, the starting salary for Seattle's finest is \$47,340. That must be a misprint since Seattle is the biggest city in the state. Well, it's not a misprint. Seattle's elected officials must not consider law enforcement to be a high priority. One can drive across the 520 bridge to Bellevue and make 26.3% more than Seattle offers. All these agencies have comparable medical benefits, but in Washington I can't retire before age 53 and I only get 2% for each year of service.

30 years in California gives me a 90% pension. 33.7 years in Nevada will give me a 90% pension. 36 years in Arizona gives me a 90% pension. To get a 90% pension in Washington State, I would have to work for 45 years.

I think I will fill out some on-line applications and take a drive to California.

The Seattle City Council has finally addressed the staffing crisis...in IIS. They authorized another sergeant position in IIS to improve response times to citizens' complaints against us. Is this the epitome of hypocrisy? Once again they have shown their misplaced priorities. Response times to complaints of misconduct are more important than response times to 911 calls.

The OPA Auditor has branded two of our officers as liars and accused them of pocketing some marijuana. The officers arrested a low life drug dealer, a peddler of poison, who has been convicted umpteen times. After making dozens of arrests between that incident and their first IIS interview, the officers could not recall with certainty one insignificant detail about a separate incident that occurred at the same time. Okay, policy says they should have documented that detail separately, but they had their hands full and even the Chief doesn't follow policy all the time...the difference being that the Chief is not held accountable. The officers forgot. There was no conceivable reason for them to lie about it and they didn't. The low life drug dealer said the officers took his marijuana. The OPA Auditor says the drug dealer had no reason to lie. Unbelievable! Isn't this the same felon who accused the officers of planting crack on him? I guess they must have used the crack they pocketed on some other arrest. Is it any wonder that almost nobody wants to be a cop in Seattle?

The thoroughness of the officers' report in this incident has also been called into question. I have dug up my Academy Class Notebook to look at how I was trained in report writing. In the Dark Ages we were trained that a report should contain only the facts of Who, What, When, Where, and How. They were to be brief and concise. Samples of reports were handed out. There was a Burglary of a Safe report containing 14 lines of hand printed facts in the body of the report; an Assault report containing 24 lines of hand printed facts; a Larceny report containing 10 lines of hand printed facts; and a Burglary Arrest report containing 45 lines of typed facts. But times have changed. The people running the show believe that response times to complaints of misconduct are more important than response times to 911 calls, so maybe we should give them what they want. Document everything on every call. That would include, but not be limited to such things as the license number of every parked vehicle in the area, the license number of every vehicle which passes you while at a call, how many times you and a suspect blinked your eyes, inhaled and exhaled, the lunar phase of the moon, written statements from every pedestrian in the area including their political affiliation, the types of trees and plants in the area. Use your imagination,

and overlook nothing. If we give them what they want, I estimate that each patrol officer might be able to handle one call per shift. If that one call cannot be completed in 9 hours, there is always shift extension.

The NAACP president wants two of our officers fired and the Chief to resign. I guess the NAACP has never heard of due process.

Here's a news flash from San Diego. The SDPD Chief of Police is on the grease for manipulating crime stats and reporting numbers lower than the real numbers in order to paint a rosier picture of the community's crime problems. Apparently the real picture isn't so rosy.

To put some of this into perspective, here are the staffing figures. The net staffing change since January 2007 is - 7. The net staffing change over the last 29 months is +13. Does anyone besides me see a crisis in these figures? Law enforcement in Seattle is vanishing, and 100 more miles of bicycle lanes, an admirable endeavor, is not going to make Seattle a safer city.

Be safe out there.

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# History Corner

By *The Guardian Staff*

This is a reprint from the July 2004 *Guardian* President's Message by then President Ken Saucier. May he rest in peace.



While I've never been in combat, I think I know what it's like to be an Apache pilot in Iraq. So many targets you get analysis paralysis. So what do you do? Like a good FTO says, "One thing at a time kid, one thing at a time." Let's start at the top with the Mayor. Mayor Nickels wrote a wonderful opinion piece in the 6/11/04 *Puget Sound Business Journal* titled, "Grocers and Workers Must Avoid a Bitter Strike." When I finished reading it, I wondered out loud if he had ever met his own negotiations team. If he had, who the hell they were listening to, because they certainly wouldn't recognize his labor philosophy if they walked past it dead in a ditch. I don't know if he feels differently about our public employees in general or cops in particular, but his feigned discomfort brought on by the managements of Safeway, Albertsons, QFC, and Fred Meyer pressuring workers to accept reductions in wages and benefits rings hollow in these halls. I guess if you can't strike, you don't matter. The Mayor is crying puddles over workers who have been negotiating for mere weeks while HIS largest labor union has been negotiating for almost two years. There must be no mirrors in his house. Will he honor the

picket lines in Boston and boycott the Mayor's Convention? The Boston Police have been working without a contract for over three years. Amazingly management rolls over yet another contract, gaining raises with no other changes, while our ability to maintain our standard of living and medical security is held hostage for politically driven accountability issues. We surely are the substantive force in the universe if the politicians step over the bodies of our supposed examples to come after us. As a side note, if these grocery workers do go on strike, PLEASE shop somewhere else and find another place to work your off-duty job.

You probably saw the 6/21/04 *Seattle Times* article on Tasers a couple of weeks ago. Not bad, only 8 complaints out of 177 uses. All of that in a year when we had no police fire-arms fatalities. How many lives did we save with these things? 177? 89? 44? 22? 11? 1? Only God knows, really. Does one life make it worth it? That's the battle cry of lefties everywhere. If you flash back to the year "O" B.T. (Before Taser), we were directed by both an internal committee and a citizens work group to deploy Tasers as a less lethal option. I for one was skeptical and very concerned that these things would be forced on us and that there would be such pressure to use them that we could have an officer hurt or killed trying to use them when lethal force was a more valid response. I wanted to be educated on the issue, so I attended the training, and got zapped. I remember thinking, "So \*this\* is what a stroke feels like..." Actually it was more like Turrets Syndrome, without any clean words between the cussing. As more and more uses occurred, I became

convinced that Officers and more importantly, our commanders, were not forcing the issue and demanding that Tasers be used in situations that obviously called for lethal force. Amazingly, we were doing what the community demanded and it was working. Surely, this was a sign of impending apocalypse, the end times. Surely this unholy alliance, this challenge to the natural order of things, could not last.

Enter the Lawyer, Exit the Brain. No, Bruce Lee doesn't star in this action packed Kung Fu thriller and neither does common sense. We have the inevitable occur, someone gets zapped and calls a lawyer, who starts checking the seat cushions and sidewalk cracks for money. From one of these cracks emerges the OPARB. If you've never actually been hit in the face with a cold bucket of water, and I mean the actual filled bucket, you've got to read the 6/21/04 *Seattle Times* article. One of the OPARB members actually asks whether we're using Tasers to punish people when there has never been an allegation of it. He goes on to express his opinion that once a suspect is handcuffed, they are harmless. In this amazing display of disregard for the safety of police officers and ignorance of the realities of the street, he manages to discredit himself and the OPARB in the eyes of street cops who know better. It's not like the OPARB hasn't been spoon-fed safety and training opportunities. The Guild paved the way for them in that respect, hoping they wouldn't go down the same path as the OPA Director by remaining aloof, uninformed, and antagonistic. You'd hope that they'd know the basic tenet that handcuffs are simply temporary restraints and not perfect. And that handcuffed people are still dangerous because they use heads, elbows,

knees, and feet. We lost two Island County Sheriffs several years ago to a handcuffed man. These people are supposed to judge me and my actions? And they throw out this inflammatory question of "punishment" that raises images of our holding cells resembling Abu Ghraib prison with its abuses? We've shown them situations where multiple officers will fire on a suspect in lethal force situations, why would they expect the same thing NOT to happen with Tasers? Are not the observation decision making processes the same? This is basic stuff. Information you know to keep you from damaging your own credibility. They've burned this year's crop. We'll just sit back and see if they salt the ground.

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# 911 Fists ‘N Cuffs

By Harriet Benjamin, President, Bacon Bowl Association

The first annual 911 FISTS “N CUFFS event was held at the Emerald Queen Casino on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This boxing match pitted law enforcement officers from different agencies in the Puget Sound area. It was a huge success for the children’s charities. Over \$30,000 was raised for the event. The participating agencies were the Tacoma Police, King County Sheriff’s Office, Pierce County Sheriff’s Office, Seattle Police, Lakewood Police, Milton Police, Lacey Police and the Puyallup Tribal Police.

In all, 29 officers participated in the nights boxing card. Boxers were matched up by their age and weight. Only one boxing match was fought between officers from the same department. A total of 14 matches were held, with one match won by default, as a boxer was not able to box. Proudly representing the Seattle Police Department were Officer Ennis Roberson, North Precinct; Officer Brad Conway, West Precinct; Sergeant Jay Shin, East Precinct; Officer Susanna Guyer; Southwest Precinct and Detective Zsolt Dornay, Auto Theft.

The event was held under the USA Amateur Boxing Association’s guidelines. All boxers used headgear and 14ounce gloves. One of the boxing matches was between two female officers from Lacey PD and Seattle PD. There were no knockouts but there were three matches that ended in Technical Knockout (TKO’s). None of the officers received any serious injuries.

This year’s children’s charities are Treehouse, First Place and Rise n’ Shine from the Seattle area and Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital, Shop With a Cop and the Law Enforcement Youth Camp in the Tacoma area.

Plans are all ready under way for the next 911 FISTS ‘N CUFFS, where you can see the “Flynn Hawaiian,” “Don’t Step On My Blue Suede Shoes,” “The Razor,” “The Librarian,” “The Hammer” and others.

If you happen to see King County Sheriff’s Detective Pat McCurdy or Tacoma Police Detective Chris Taylor, give them special thanks for all their work to make this event such a success.

Mark your calendars for Sept 23,2007 for the Bacon Bowl 5K walk/run.



King County Deputy Pat McCurdy lands a vicious jab during his bout.



Kari Dornay displays the prize her husband Seattle Police Officer Zsolt won in his match.



Lake Forest Police Officer Carolyn Miller and Seattle Police Officer Susanna Guyer spar in the only female bout.

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# Lest We Forget

By Officer John Abraham, SPOG Sergeant at Arms



Photo by Terry Stalcup

In May 1989, Mark Sigfrinius was working traffic patrol in Ballard. He stopped a car, got off his bike and contacted the driver. Mark gets the driver’s license and returns to his bike and writes the driver a ticket. Mark returns toward the vehicle to have the driver sign his citation. As Mark approaches the driver’s door, the driver leans out the window and shoots Mark in the abdomen. The bullet severs Mark’s spinal cord paralyzing him from the waist down. Mark returns fire wounding the suspect as he drives off trying to escape, leaving Mark lying in the road, bleeding and unable to move.

A dedicated motorcycle rider is down, paralyzed from the waist down and unable to ride again. During an interview, Mark is asked what he will miss most because he will not be able to walk. Mark jokingly says he will miss not riding a motorcycle. A large group of motorcycle enthusiasts got together with Downtown Harley-Davidson of Seattle and Harley-Davidson of Milwaukee to put Mark back in the saddle. Long story short, Mark was given a 1990 Peace Officer Special, Ultra Classic with a sidecar for his wheelchair.

In August of 2006 Mark mentioned to me that “Ol Blue” was getting pretty tired after hauling him around some 65000+ miles. He told me the engine was making a lot of noise and was pretty sluggish. I contacted Downtown Harley-Davidson, co-owner Terry Stalcup and told him Mark’s story. Without hesitation he and I began working together to get “Ol Blue” back into running condition.

Mark brought the bike over from Goldendale, where he has been Mayor for about 9 years. Terry had the engine removed and shipped it to Milwaukee Harley-Davidson. There it was rebuilt and returned to Downtown Harley-Davidson. The engine was put back in “Ol Blue” and it was cleaned, waxed and checked for any major problems.

With the assistance of our Media Unit, Terry at Downtown Harley and Mark, I put a gathering together to officially return “Ol Blue” to Mark and recognize Downtown Harley-Davidson for their continuing support of law enforcement and the officers who put their lives on the line every day. On June 16th, Chief Kerlikowske, Terry Stalcup and many of Marks old friends were there at Downtown Harley to see Mark’s eyes light up when he saw his “Iron Horse” waiting for him. After a couple quick speeches, many hand shakes, hugs and the occasional “invisible” tear, Mark got himself in the saddle, out of his wheelchair and into the sidecar and rode off into the sunset (actually he road across the street to a restaurant for lunch with family and friends).

Never forget your fallen or wounded officers! Always be there for them and their families. “The Thin Blue Line” is just that, THIN!!! It is our responsibility to take care of each other! Take Care and Be Safe! Remember, your profession is law enforcement; your job is to go home at the end of your shift.

# You Gotta Love It!

By Officer Jim Brakebill, Board Position #10

Once again, the City of Seattle has mad the National News. Is it because Boeing is rolling out their newest, biggest, and greatest plane? Is it that Starbuck’s has opened it’s one billionth store on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Whozit, where there were already three other Starbuck stores? Could it be because The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center has found a cure for every form of cancer? Or, maybe it is that (fill in your favorite team’s name) has won the national championship.

Not even close. It was spoofed by the local show “Up Front With Robert Mak”. It was also reported on the Today Show, with Tongue in Cheek. It has also been spoofed by Jay Leno on the Tonight Show. What am I talking about? I am referring to the memo that was written by some bureaucrat about the proper way to microwave popcorn. The memo says that you need to “listen to the pop, to know when to stop”. It also says that “if the problem continues, it will result in a ban of all microwave popcorn in downtown city buildings as some other downtown buildings have done”. Although those other buildings are not listed, it is possible that the private sector has put a ban in effect. What bearing does that have on the decision making ability of a government agency?

I will agree that if the buildings must be evacuated it would be an inconvenience, but is it enough to cause a total “ban of all microwave popcorn”? This has made the city a laughing stock as it has made the

national limelight. Is Seattle a Major League or Bush League City? It appears that Bush League fits better than Major League because of this type of activity. Seattle wants to be at the forefront of the global warming issues by legislating use of cars and greenhouse gases. They also want to improve infrastructure, but they then take two steps backwards with this information hitting the national spotlight.

I guess the punch line is that the City has a lot of time to analyze and put out these type of memos and others, but they do not have the time to sit down to the “table” and negotiate with us to settle our contract in a reasonable amount of time. We have talked to the bureaucrats and politicians who told us what we want to hear face to face. When it comes time to sit own and settle our contract, they are nowhere to be found. As I write this, we the Guild, have two days of negotiations scheduled between now and the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. We were told that the “City” didn’t want the negotiations to go on and on like they did the last time. It appears that we are going down the same road for these contract negotiations as we did for the last ones.

The real bottom line is that if the City spent a little more time working toward our negotiations and a little less time on the extemporaneous minutia, we might be able to settle this contract before the next Big January Storm arrives.



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# Officer of the Month

By Officer Christopher Hall, West Precinct

The S.P.O.G. Officer of the Month for June 2007 is Detective Scotty Bach of the Major Crimes Task Force, as nominated by Officers Steve Owings and Wes Friesen of the West Precinct for his dedication and assistance in catching auto thieves.

A few months ago, Detective Bach relayed information to Officers Owings and Friesen regarding a couple of the Top Ten Auto Thieves that were active in the West Precinct. Acting on this information, Officers Owings and Friesen were able to eventually apprehend both suspects. On the first case, the arrest was made at about 0130 and Detective Bach was on his way home when Officers Owings and Friesen contacted him. Detective Bach responded to the precinct, obtained a confession and went out to do another recovery based on the confession and

kept working well into 1<sup>st</sup> watch. A week later, Officers Owings and Friesen arrested another Top Ten suspect. Detective Bach came into the precinct from home, obtained a confession and again, went out to recover an additional stolen vehicle.

Officers Owings and Friesen noted in their nomination that, “There are not a lot of detectives that will respond from home at 0130 to do interviews, but this shows Detective Bach’s hard-charging work ethic. He has never refused to respond when someone he is interested in talking to is arrested.”

Not to belittle the work of the Detective Bach, or last month’s winners, but these were the only nominations submitted. Please e-mail me you nominations and recognize the great work of your peers. Stay Safe.

# A Recruitment Hurdle

By Officer Steve Pomper, East Precinct

Now that virtually all quarters of the city have acknowledged a police-staffing crisis, a crisis, which currently affects several law enforcement agencies in our state, they also need to face the additional crisis of attracting qualified police candidates to work as cops in Seattle. As this is a critical situation headed toward catastrophe, we all have to understand the comprehensive nature of recruiting. Everything a city does, especially how it treats its employees, affects its ability to attract quality candidates. However, it appears that Seattle’s ever-vigilant crisis entrepreneurs couldn’t care less about recruiting good police candidates to this city.

On June 19<sup>th</sup> the *Seattle Times* published a story based upon a leaked and incomplete report accusing Seattle Police Chief Kerlikowske of using “extraordinary measures” to assist two good, aggressive officers, who were being skewered by uncivil rights groups for doing their job. Is it wrong for the Chief to ethically do his utmost to be certain that police officers under his command are treated fairly when he feels they merit his support? Not in my opinion. Would anyone want any less from their boss wherever they work?

If you ask me, there are worse things a police chief could be accused of than standing behind two dedicated officers under attack. The uncivil rights groups often deem any and all officers who stand accused of anything, as “bad” officers. A term used recently by the head of Seattle’s NAACP when referring to two of our comrades. They make this premature, and immature, judgment as they too often rush to defend career criminals, those societal predators and leaches that just happen to be minorities. This knee-jerk determination of officer guilt and minority virtue usually comes before, during, and after any investigation. Especially if the investigation results in any finding that doesn’t match their prejudiced conclusions.

Why does Seattle, at large, tolerate this behavior from its so-called civil rights groups who demonstrate time and again their disregard for the civil rights of police officers? For fifteen years I’ve watched as these community activists have accused us of dishonesty, brutality, and in some cases, even murder, when the suspect happens to be a minority. Of course

this conclusion is arrived at immediately and certainly well before the results of any investigation has been published. And let the results not match their expectations, and you’ll inevitably see them attack the investigators and the investigative process as institutionally racist and morally and ethically corrupt. Are they kidding? Racism! In Seattle government?

You can’t swing a dead cat in this city (Disclaimer: a fake dead cat, for you PETA types) without hitting some sort of city sponsored diversity program, commission, or training. The lesson here: Seattle Government, though bent in a chronic backward arch toward liberal community groups, will never satisfy these groups no matter how hard they try, because fabricating and even fomenting racial disharmony is the Seattle civil rights activist’s bread and butter.

Believe me, I disagree with my boss on a regular basis, but do the so-called civil rights folks in Seattle really believe our soft-spoken, socially liberal, perpetually fig-leaf-offering, police chief would support racist cops? That he would automatically protect officers at the expense of an African-American defendant? Give me a friggin’ break.

Spurred on by the *Seattle Times* story, these community activists have increased their rhetoric against the two officers, called for the Chief’s head, and some in the city council now want to usurp the Chief’s job when it comes to disciplining his troops. All of this is over two diligent police officers simply trying to do their best to protect the good citizens of this community. This brings me back to my original point; tell me, in this severely lean and competitive hiring environment, how is SPD supposed to recruit good candidates to work in Seattle when those potential recruits see this kind of behavior toward cops, including their Chief, who are simply trying to do a very tough job the best they can?

On a lighter note; a shameless plug: For anyone who might be in the area, on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, I’ll be signing copies of my new book, *Is There a Problem, Officer?* at Third Place Books. It’s located in the Lake Forest Park Towne Centre, 17171 Bothell Way NE, Lake Forest Park; phone: 206-366-3333. Tell your family and friends, and I look forward to seeing you there.

## 2007-2008 Budget Ballot Results

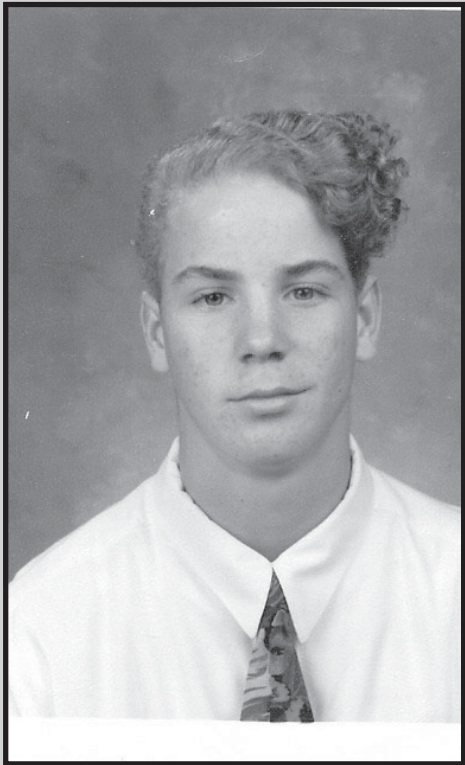
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# Retired News

By Mike Germann

**New Retirements**

There’s just one new LEOFF I service retirement to publish this month:

**Manuel “Manny” E. Washington, Jr., #4078**, Seattle Police Fugitive Detective, retired for service on June 20, 2007, following 30 years of service. Manny Washington was initially hired as a “police recruit” on December 10, 1976. Thereafter, he was appointed a Seattle Police “Patrolman” on May 20, 1977.

Manny served in both uniformed patrol and as a plain clothes detective. He is most remembered for his service as a “Fugitive Detective:” rock solid, always dependable and reliable are words that come to mind about Manny Washington.

Manny and his loving wife of 42 years, Audrienna, have relocated their family home from Seattle to Ocean Shores, Washington, for their retirement years. They know the mayor of Ocean Shores, the Honorable Mike Patrick, one of our distinguished Seattle Police retirees.

Our best to Manny and Audrienna in their retirement years.

**A Note from Jeannie Cameron**

Hi Michael,  
Could you get my THANK YOU printed in the Guardian Paper?  
You bet we can print your “thank you” note and it is an honor and privilege to be able to do so, for you, Don and the entire family.

**Thank you for the beautiful basket of flowers from the Police Guild. I would like to thank the police department for the amazing tribute**

**to Don when we arrived in Seattle. Upon our arrival, on the side of the road were many blue cars with lights flashing, a sea of blue uniforms of men and women hand saluting in a silent and sincere tribute to him. As our cavalcade continued to wind our way through the city to Washelli we were greeted by more groups of police cars and motorcycles in their wonderful show of support. I would like to thank the Police Chaplain, John Oas, the Bagpiper, Luke Schultz, The Seattle Police Department Honor Guard, and the United States Air Force, The Pallbearers: Gene Ramirez, Joe Frisino, John Sullivan, Steve O’Leary, Tommy Knight, Rob Garllinghouse, Woody Laugen, and Steve LaBossiere. A very special thank you to Gene Ramierz, John Sullivan, and Joe Frisino for going above and beyond in their gracious love and support of Don and myself.**

**May kindness return to each and every one of you in the same beautiful way it was extended to myself, and my family.**

**Thank you,  
Jeannie Cameron**

**Police Pension Board Member Elected Trustee Election Results**

As published, the Seattle Police Department conducted an election for the Seattle Police Pension Board on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, as prescribed by pension law.

The incumbent, member elected trustee **Tom Grabicki**, who has served on the Seattle Police Pension Board for 20 years, was unopposed for reelection to another

three year term, from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.

By popular vote and acclamation, Seattle Police Pension Board member elected **Trustee Tom Grabicki** is reelected to another three year term of office on the Seattle Police Pension Board.

CONGRATULATIONS, TOM!

**Upcoming Events:**

For those of you who like to keep your calendar current, please note the following dates and events:

**\*August 9, 2007, R.A.P. Club summer picnic, barbecue and bocce ball tournament.**

This event takes place at the Seattle Police Range/Athletic Association Picnic Shelter, starting about 10:00 a.m. or so.

Be sure to bring something to nibble on and share with others before the barbecue, which is generally about 2:00 p.m. or thereabouts. The food will be terrific!

Also, please bring something for the “white elephant” raffle that afternoon and \$\$\$ for raffle tickets. This event is always a highlight of the summer season.

B.Y.O.B. Other libation supplied.  
Call Howard Monta @ (206) 364-7767 or Bert Richards @ (425) 228-6373 for further information.

**\*September 12, 2007, 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Retired Officers’ Banquet**

Invitations will be in the mail around the middle to late August. Don’t miss this opportunity to see 400 or so, people you used to work with, for and around.

**Independence Day**

To one and all, Happy Independence Day and may you remember those who sacrificed their lives so that you can enjoy our freedom and liberty.



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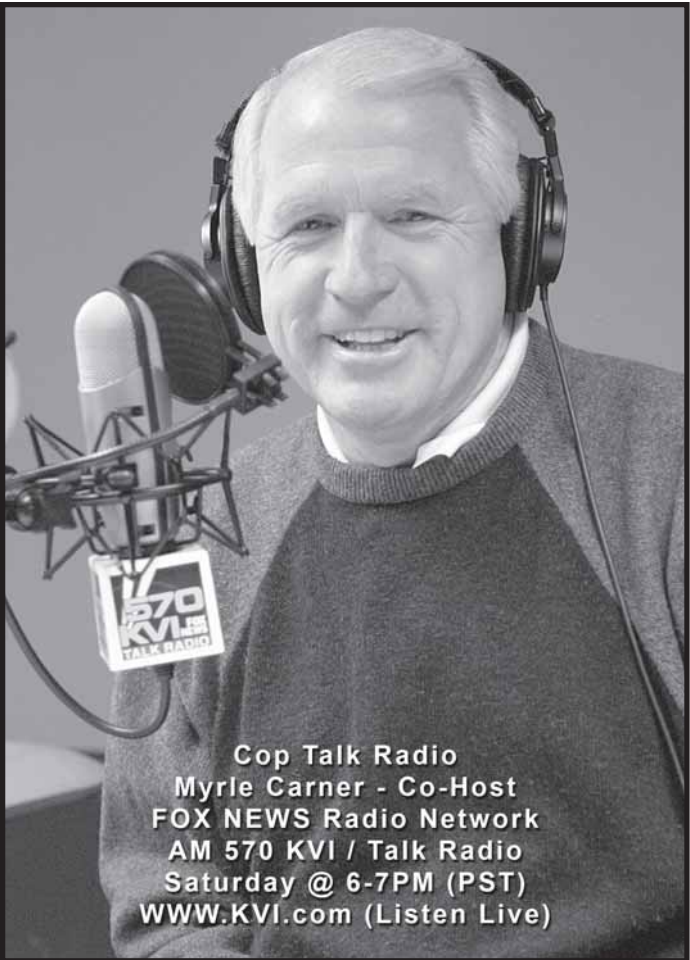
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# Last Ring

**Richard A. “Dick” McFarlane**, #1646, retired Seattle Police “Patrolman,” passed away at Evergreen Hospital in Kirkland on May 17, 2007. He was 78 years of age upon his death.

Dick McFarlane was born on September 23, 1928. He came to City of Seattle employment initially as a “transit operator” and was thereafter appointed a “Patrolman” of the Seattle Police Department on July 25, 1955. He was a career “Patrolman” and retired with 28 years of service on October 14, 1980.

Dick was active and involved in the Seattle Police Athletic Association on the Executive Board of Directors, among his other responsibilities. He was an avid bowler and was a fixture on many a Seattle Police Department bowling team. This man, Dick McFarlane, was a role model for many a younger police officer, in his era. You wanted to be like him, both as a Seattle Police Officer and as a private person.

No funeral services are planned, in accordance with Dick’s wishes.

Dick McFarlane is survived by his wife of 57 (almost 58) years, Betty, 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

They just don’t make them like Dick McFarlane anymore.

**Carl W. “C. W.” Sandbeck**, #1841, retired Seattle Police Lieutenant, passed away on May 17, 2007, in Green Valley, Arizona, following a long illness and courageous fight to stay alive. He was 73 years of age upon his death.

Carl Sandbeck was born on April 5, 1934. He was appointed a “patrolman” of the Seattle Police Department on March 10, 1958. Carl rose through the ranks to the position/rank of Seattle Police Lieutenant and served in both uniformed and plain clothes assignments. Wherever assigned, Carl took extraordinary care of his people.

Many’s a story about Carl Sandbeck’s adventures and misadventures. Probably the story that is most remembered is “the great Winthrop chain saw massacre.” Remind me to tell you that story and others about Carl one of these days. Best seller books could be written about Carl’s exploits.

No funeral services are planned in accordance with Carl’s wishes.

Carl Sandbeck is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 24 years, Dianne. She deserves special recognition for her 24/7 care of Carl during the long illness leading to his death.

**Paul M. Cannon**, #2062, retired Seattle Police Motorcycle and Patrol Officer, passed away on May 21, 2007, in Boswell, Oklahoma, following a long illness. He was 72 years old upon his death.

Paul Cannon was born on April 15, 1935. He was appointed a “Patrolman” of the Seattle Police Department on July 25, 1960. While assigned as a Motorcycle Officer, Paul was horribly injured in an on-duty accident on April 22, 1963, that ultimately forced him into a disability retirement. Paul fought to rehabilitate himself so as to be able to return to active police duty. The Seattle Police Pension Board finally restored him to active service on December 10, 1976. Paul served as a uniformed patrol officer until he retired a second time on April 19, 1979.

Paul was in extraordinary pain each and every day since his motorcycle accident and injuries in 1963. He could have stayed home and collected his duty-related pension but he desperately wanted to return to active police duty. Now, that’s guts.

No funeral services are planned, in accordance with Paul’s wishes.

Paul Cannon is survived by his wife of 14 years, Kaaran, his three sons, one of whom is Seattle Police Harbor Patrol Officer/Diver Doug Cannon, and three grandchildren.

**Donald “Don” W. Borgen**, #2023, retired Seattle Police Patrolman, passed away on Saturday, June 9, 2007, at his home in Lacey, Washington, following a long illness. He was 81 years of age upon his death. Don Borgen was born on March 27, 1926. He initially joined and served with the Seattle Fire Department from January 7, 1952 until February 4, 1960. Thereafter, he was appointed a Seattle Police “Patrolman” on February 8, 1960. Don served as a uniformed patrolman and as a sworn police radio dispatcher during his 25 years of city service. He retired on January 12, 1977. Funeral services are planned for Saturday, June 16, 2007, beginning at 11:00a.m. The location will be Stickland’s Funeral home in Centralia, Washington. Don’s wife, Virginia, preceded him in death some five years ago.

**Roy M. Hull, a.k.a. Hog Jowls, #769**, retired Seattle Police Detective, passed away on Sunday, June 10, 2007, in Blaine, Washington, following a brief illness. He was 83 years of age upon his death. Roy Hull was born on May 29, 1924. He was appointed a Seattle Police “Patrolman” on December 10, 1946. Roy served as a uniformed patrolman, motorcycle officer, special investigator and for many years as a vice detective. He was a part of the “old Vice Squad” and all that entails.

No funeral services are planned.

Roy Hull was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia, in September 2004. Surviving are a son, daughter and three grandchildren.

Also our profound condolences to family and friends of the following:

**Mary C. Nelson**, wife of retired Seattle Police Officer H.M. “Swede” Nelson, who passed away on May 25, 2007 at 86 years of age.

**May Reinbolt**, wife of retired Seattle Police Captain Carl Reinbolt, who passed away on May 9, 2007 at 93 years of age.

**Beatrice Vorris**, widow of deceased retired Seattle Police sworn Radio Dispatcher Richard Vorris, who passed away on May 17, 2007 at 86 years of age.

**Willa Waitt**, widow of deceased Seattle Police Sergeant Charles Waitt, who passed away on May 18, 2007 at 93 years of age.

Finally, our condolences to **Charlie Lindblom**, retired Seattle Police Captain, and family on the death of Charlie’s daughter, **Wendy (Lindblom) Anderson** on May 1, 2007 at 49 years of age.

May they all rest in peace.

## July 2007 Retirees’ Birthdays

*Ed. Note:* The numbers in parenthesis indicate the July birthdate. Frederick M. Aesquivel (19), Frankie Reye Alexander (1), Gene R. Anderson (17), Albert F. Baird (27), Billy J. Baughman (26), Stephen R. Bender (13), Eileen Bergstrom (26), William M. Biggar (16), Melvin S. Bissegger (30), Donald J. Blackwood (22), Colleen D. Boyer (31), John W. Boyer, Jr (25), Donna Mae Brazel (10), Martha L. Brower (9), Ruth Bugge (22), Roy N. Burt (5), Donald A. Carroll (2), Kennedy C. Conder (26), Dwaine T. Coverson (31), Lenore Curtis (2), Toby G. Delgado (28), Douglas M. Dills (3), Caisa I. Dragland (3), Raymond J. Farley (8), Laurence F. Farrar (13), Robert E. Fitch (23), Gary M. Flynn (16), Norma Foley (9), Theodore R. Fonis (23), Kenneth R. Frandsen (31), Shirley Frombach (28), Elton I. George (2), Dale E. Gibbons (16), Colleen P. Gillespie (15), George W. L. Gough (27), David S. Green (7), Wallace E. Gripp (20), Howard T. Hadfield (8), Helen E. Hansen-Holmes (7), Lawrence C. Harvey (15), Helen H. Hendrickson (28), Richard L. Ingertila (9), Paul L. Jaspersen (27), Leonard L. Jones (30), Frederick W. Kilmer (29), Robert R. Kirkbride (18), Wanda Kirschner (21), Paul H. Knapp (8), Jan P. Krachunis (1), Nancy Kretchmar (22), Patricia A. Lamphere (30), Judy L. Lapthorne (19), Robert J. Lee (6), George P. Levasseur (21), Haroldene Lichty (11), Patricia Long (24), Raymond D. Loso (13), Edwin L. Marcus Iii (25), Robert M. Martinson (19), Eva A. McKay (28), Melvin H. McKenzie (4), Jack N. Moore (8), James W. Moore (23), Michael H. Murray (29), Robert M. Neal (6), Robert C. Nelson (23), Joseph T. Nicholas (29), Charlotte Noble (16), Jacqueline Noble (12), Harvey D. Olson (10), Karen M. Olson (2), Gerald E. Pluth (15), Archie J. Porter (24), Delmus L. Punton (15), Delores B. Reed (9), Gary L. Reynolds (15), William R. Rhodes (11), Glenn A. Rouse (8), Gerald M. Sampont (3), Barbara Schoener (11), Stanley R. Schumacher (31), William E. Shears (7), Mark C. Sigfrinius (2), Roy C. Skagen (18), Felix G. Solis (17), Martin O. Spotanske (17), Dorothy Sprinkle (27), Ronald W. Steimel (12), Gerald E. Taylor (1), Robert G. Vegas (14), Frank J. Vick (28), Milo C. Walker (12), Roy B. Wedlund (31), Joan M. Wolph (25), Earl W. Wymore (20), Irene Youngquist (29), Angela Yumul-Tannas (30),

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# Editor's Notes

By Detective Ron Smith, Pawn Shop



The OPARB says the Chief repeatedly interfered in an investigation into the actions of a pair of officers, damaging the credibility of the police to the point that increased oversight is needed. Clearly these naïve comments lack the true understanding of who exactly runs the Seattle PD. It is not the 25-year communal liver turned council president and public safety chair. It is not the former U.S. Attorney, Friend of Bill OPA Auditor, and it is not the OPARB. Article VI, Section IV of the Seattle City Charter spells out that the Chief runs the department and is responsible only to the Mayor. Go get ‘em Chief, and as the slogan on a well-worn cap of mine says, “Never let the bastards wear you down!”

Though the Mayor has stood in support of the Chief after the recent unsavory leakage of the OPARB review rant, he has now asked the new OPA Director to review the review. Since the malcontents are falling all over themselves wanting independent review, maybe the Mayor should ask the Kent PD to handle the review, as that was the destination of another important case last summer.

It seems as though the *Seattle Times* is on a mission to garnish their 15-minutes of fame in lambasting the Chief, much the way the *P-I* jacked up the King County Sheriff’s Office. As I write, the past few days have seen story after story questioning the Chief’s stance on discipline. It is clear by the slant on the stories that only a civilian’s opinion is deemed valid, whether that is the former OPA Director, or the Auditor. The Chief is judged as being soft on discipline or active in a cover up if he modifies or overturns the recommendations made down the line. Undoubtedly the press understands the discipline process and where the buck actually stops, but is hell bent on spinning the facts to suit their anti-cop agenda. They cannot stand, nor can the rabid cop haters stand the fact that Seattle cops have any rights or due process. They won’t stop until one simple allegation by a malcontent has an officer swinging from the gallows pole in the plaza at Seattle Central CC. The anti-cop mob will stop at nothing until the cops are cut off at the knees and their criminal friends can roam the streets without fear of arrest. These people are brainwashed to believe the word of an 8-time convicted felon over that of decorated veteran officers. They hate everything about you, and will not stop until you are enslaved and treated like the pig they think you are. These people do not deserve the brave men and women who protect this city.

Though no police chief will ever please all of the cops or all of the citizens at any given time, this Chief has maintained his even handed approach to discipline, despite increasing pressure to throw the baby out with the bath water. Can you imagine a police department who’s Chief swayed with each new political windstorm? I don’t know too many people who would want to work there.

Be of good cheer, your SPOG contract has specific language on how the OPA will conduct its investigations and review. Mr. Licata and Mr. Holmes won’t be getting their way, and the ACLU and People for the American Way won’t be beating you with rubber hoses anytime soon, unless YOU vote to change your contract language.

Until next month, be safe out there. Be sure to take the appropriate amount of time and care to document your actions. Feel free to contact me with your comments and suggestions at spogguardian@yahoo.com. “It appears we have appointed our worst generals to command forces, and our most gifted and brilliant to edit newspapers. I fact, I discovered by reading newspapers that these editor geniuses plainly saw all my strategic defects from the start, yet failed to inform me until it was too late. Accordingly, I’m readily willing to yield my command to these obvious superior intellects, and I’ll in turn, do my best for the cause by writing editorials after the fact.” – General Robert E. Lee, 1863.

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## Calendar of Events

- Fourth of July (SPOG Office Closed)**  
Wednesday, July 4th
- Seattle Police Relief Association board meeting at the SPRAG Office**  
Wednesday, July 11th
- Seattle Police Officers' Guild general membership meeting at the SPOG Office**  
Wednesday, July 25th at 2000 hours

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